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Docket No. 9261.16586-CIP 2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Aboul-Hosn et al.
Serial No.: 09/470,697
Filed: 23 December 1999
For: Apparatus and Methods for Entering Cavities of the Body

Group Art Unit: 3762
Examiner: P. Bianco

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: (Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995.)

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114:

A. Previously submitted

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

Other _____

B. Enclosed

Amendment/Reply

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Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months

B. Other _____

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed as follows: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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